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**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Boris Skurkovich et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1646
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Appln. No.:	09/511,972	: Examiner: Prema M. Mertz, Ph.D.
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Filed:	February 24, 2000	:
		: Attorney Docket
For:	METHODS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF ASTHMA AND ALLERGIC CONDITIONS	: No. 053663-5004
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 18, 2003 (Paper No. 9) and the Telephone Interview with Examiner Mertz on July 21, 2003, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group 43, claims 41-42, 53-54, 62-64, 72-73, 80-81, 88-89, and 95-99, as well as claim 45, without traverse. This Response is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Restriction Requirement to and through August 18, 2003.

In the Telephone Interview with Applicants' representative, Justin Brennan, it was concluded that claims 95-99 were inadvertently omitted from the Restriction Requirement, but had these claims been included in the Restriction Requirement, they would have been placed in Group 43. In addition, in a second Telephone Interview on July 21, 2003, Applicants' representative and Examiner Mertz agreed that claim 45 should also be included in the claims of Group 43. Further, Applicants' representative and Examiner Mertz agreed that the one polypeptide, one nucleic acid, or one peptide to be selected shall be an anti-histamine antibody.

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Applicants are of the understanding that Examiner Mertz will enter an Interview Summary in the record to memorialize the agreement reached in the Telephone Interviews.

Applicants submit herewith, as a separate paper, a Supplemental Amendment to the claims, as requested by Examiner Mertz in the Telephone Interviews on July 21, 2003.

Favorable examination of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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